

# Gaining Software Assurance through the Common Criteria

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Patti Spicer. The Common Criteria (ISO/IEC 15408) is often misunderstood in terms of its scope and purpose: It does not provide a guarantee of a product's security posture, but does provide assurance of its operation. [This article](#)<sup>1</sup> seeks to provide background information about the Common Criteria (CC), and a better understanding of the software assurance that CC product certification truly provides.

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